



The Cathedral of
ST. EUGENE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Entrance is located at NE corner of Rectory

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 12 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.

2323 Montgomery Drive
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MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00a.m; 4:30 p.m. & Sp.6:30 p. m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call Annette (English) at: (707)542-3635 or Maria Vega (Spanish) at: (707)710-5094

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass. *During this time of Covid-19, Benediction is not being held.*

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary is Monday – Saturday at 7:25 a.m. in the Cathedral

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

CATHEDRAL SHOPS

Cathedral Thrift Shop Hours: Tues & Wed. 9:30 am–2:30 pm

Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30 am-4:30pm & Sun 8:30am-1:30pm, Closed Mon/Tues -
Phone: (707)542-0250

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 20, 2023

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY AUGUST 20

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon,
1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
Coffee Social – PLC – 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

MONDAY AUGUST 21

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

TUESDAY AUGUST 22

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Women of the Word – PLC – 9:00 am
Latin Mass – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Outdoor Rosary – Fatima Grotto – 6:00 pm

THURSDAY AUGUST 24

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

FRIDAY AUGUST 25

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Bible Study – Parish Life Center (Hope Rm) - 9:00 am

SATURDAY AUGUST 26

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Confession – Cathedral 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Sunday Vigil Masses – Cathedral – 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm
(Spanish)

CATHEDRAL THRIFT SHOP

~COLLECTIBLE SALE~

The St. Eugene's Thrift Shop will be having their annual Collectible Sale on **September 15 & 16** in the Msgr. Becker Center. The sale will run from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm on Friday and from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturday. All proceeds go to help with the support of our Parish. If you have items to donate, please wait until the week of the sale and deliver them to the Becker Center (Mon -Thurs, 9-2:00 pm.) Please, no books or clothing! Call Sue Davis for donation information at : 707-484-3126. **The Thrift Shop will be closed the week of the sale and the following week, too!**

The bulletin submission deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. We reserve the right to edit or omit items. E-mail items to: office@steugenes.com.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of: 8/6/23

Sunday Donations Received:	\$13,979.
Second Collection: Black and Indian Missions	\$3,279.

~ CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS ~

August is still the prime of summer, and what better time is there to catch up on reading than during the warm summer evenings? During August, all in-stock books (excluding booklets, special orders, and a small number of isolated books that cannot be discounted) are 25% off! Have you been waiting to buy that beautiful Bible as a gift (or for yourself) but it seemed too expensive? Not during August! Liturgy of the Hours sets, all prayer books, children's books, Spanish books, and our solid, trustworthy Catholic books are 25% off all month. We only do this once a year, so now is the time to save money and invest in reliable Catholic reading. Ask our friendly, knowledgeable staff to guide you in choosing the best books for your needs. The shop hours are: Wed-Sat from 8:30 am-4:30 pm & Sun 8:30 am-1:30 pm. We are closed Mon./Tues. Call us at: 707-542-0250.

~UPDATE YOUR RECORDS ~

Have you changed your address? Phone number? Email address? Have new family members since you registered in the parish? Have your children grown up and left home? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know your changes so that we can update your parishioner record. Email changes to maria@steugenes.com, call her at 542-6984 ext. 10

2nd COLLECTION INFORMATION

~NO SECOND COLLECTION~

This weekend, August 19 & 20 there will be no Second Collection. Next weekend, August 26 & 27, the Second Collection will be for our Tuition Assistance Program. As always, thank you so much for your generosity!

~THE LITTLE FLOWERS~

The Little Flowers Girls' Club, for grades K-4, will begin meeting on Saturday, Sept. 9th, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Parish Life Center, Charity Room. Meetings will take place on the second Saturday of each month. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and church vestibules. Deadline to register is Sept. 5. Early bird discount is \$10 off if you register by Aug. 31. *COST: Returning members – \$55; New members – \$50. Call Anna deLaney for more info: 539-5185.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 19
8:00 am	ICF Members, living & deceased
4:30 pm	George & Chris Schirle, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Juana Maldonado, deceased
Sunday	August 20
7:30 am	Rainey Olson, living
9:00 am	People of St. Eugene's
10:30 am	Patrick Welter, deceased
12:00 pm	Fr. Gerald Thomas, deceased
1:30 pm (EF)	Miguel Ferreira, living & Maria Guadalupe Velez Juarez & Roberto Ferreyra Velez, deceased
5:30 pm	Val Aggio, living
6:00pm Newman Ctr.	Fr. Alan Acevedo, living
Monday	August 21
6:45 am	Sharon English, deceased
8:00 am	Volodya Skrypka, living
Tuesday	August 22
6:45 am	John Grant, deceased
8:00 am	William Avilla, deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Leo Pimentel, deceased
Wednesday	August 23
6:45 am	Melvin & Alice Arnerich, living
8:00 am	Georgina Gittins, living
Thursday	August 24
6:45 am	Ryan Boyko, living
8:00 am	George Skikos, deceased
Friday	August 25
6:45 am	Jojaiah Pucha Kayala, deceased
8:00 am	Scott & JoAnn Voelker, living
12:00 pm (Hosp)	Peggy Collins, deceased
Saturday	August 26
8:00 am	Bernie Welchon, deceased
4:30 pm	Mike Pendergast, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	Maria Mercedes Rodriguez, deceased

~PRAY THE ROSARY~

Just a reminder that every morning, Monday-Saturday, the Rosary is prayed in the Cathedral at 7:25 am. We also gather every Wednesday, at 6:00 pm, at our Fatima Grotto to pray this most powerful of prayers. Please join us!

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~RCIA CLASSES~

Our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes will **begin on September 10th**. Classes will be held on Sundays, from 10:30 - 11:50 am until mid-May in the Parish Life Center Hope Room. RCIA mainly serves those who have a desire to enter the church or baptized Catholics who desire the sacrament of Confirmation. However, anyone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith is welcome to attend. Information/schedule/application forms are now in the church vestibules, the Parish Office, and the St. Eugene's Gift Shop/Bookstore.

~ USED BOOK SALE~

Tables will be set up outside the east entrance of the church with a wide variety of primarily theological/religious books (gently used), owned by Fr. Epperson, for sale after all Masses (except the Spanish Mass) on **August 26 & 27**. The proceeds of the sale will help defray moving expenses for his October 31 departure. All sales will be by donation only. Titles include: *An Exorcist Tells His Story*, by Fr. Gabriel Amorth; *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*, by Ludwig Ott & *Mere Christianity*, by C.S. Lewis.

SAVE THE DATE

~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BBQ~

Our Knights of Columbus will be having their annual **Chicken BBQ on Sunday, September 10th**, from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm. The menu will include 1/2 a chicken, corn on the cob and potato salad. The **cost is \$25 with tickets currently on sale** at the Parish Office, Bookstore and on Sundays at the morning coffee socials. We will be serving in the Parish Life Center from 10am-1:30pm. You can eat - in 'or 'take out'! Please join us!

~RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS~

On Saturday, **September 22nd**, the Diocese of Santa Rosa will present a day of prayer and fellowship for all adults in the Diocese at **Cardinal Newman High School**, 4320 Old Redwood Hwy, Santa Rosa. This year's theme, "**The Church and the Most Holy Eucharist**". Early registration is recommended. To do this, please go to: www.srdiocese.org

~PLEASE PRAY FOR~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Leo Del Santo, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Patrick Welter, Cristeta Marentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Aida Catapang, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten, Pauline Goslovich, Mary Gonzales, Nick Sidjakov, Sandi Picconi, Joan Cosgrove, Denise Ealy, Becky Harber, Ernest Lanford, Daniel Bruce Moore, Megan Ingrassia, Art Haake, Rosalie Elliott and Frank Byron White.

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

THE NEW SABBATH & DEMONS

~FROM THE PASTOR~

In our first reading today from Isaiah, the keeping of the Sabbath is mentioned. I want to focus briefly on this because there are some Christians who maintain that the day of worship is still Saturday and that the change of worship to Sunday is something that was forbidden by God and His Commandments (i.e. commandment #3). Secondly, I would like to focus on our gospel reading from the book of Mathew, whereby Jesus cures a woman whose daughter is possessed by a demon. We will look at the reality of demons and how to combat them in this fallen world.

~FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY~

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in teaching us why Christians worship on "the eighth day" says this: "Jesus rose from the dead "on the first day of the week." Because it is the "first day," the day of Christ's Resurrection recalls the first creation. Because it is the "eighth day" following the sabbath, it symbolizes the new creation ushered in by Christ's Resurrection. For Christians it has become the first of all days, the first of all feasts, the Lord's Day (*he kuriake hemera, dies dominica*) Sunday:

'We all gather on the day of the sun, for it is the first day [after the Jewish sabbath, but also the first day] when God, separating matter from darkness, made the world; and on this same day Jesus Christ our Savior rose from the dead.' Sunday is expressly distinguished from the sabbath which it follows chronologically every week; for Christians its ceremonial observance replaces that of the sabbath. In Christ's Passover, Sunday fulfills the spiritual truth of the Jewish sabbath and announces man's eternal rest in God. For worship under the Law prepared for the mystery of Christ, and what was done there prefigured some aspects of Christ: *Those who lived according to the old order of things have come to a new hope, no longer keeping the sabbath, but the Lord's Day, in which our life is blessed by him and by his death.'* The celebration of Sunday observes the moral commandment inscribed by nature in the human heart to render to God an outward, visible, public, and regular worship "as a sign of his universal beneficence to all." Sunday worship fulfills the moral command of the

Old Covenant, taking up its rhythm and spirit in the weekly celebration of the Creator and Redeemer of his people."

~A DAY OF REST~

Just as God "rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done," Christian life has a rhythm of work and rest. The institution of the Lord's Day helps everyone enjoy adequate rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social, and religious lives. On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body. Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse from the obligation of Sunday rest. The faithful should see to it that legitimate excuses do not lead to habits prejudicial to religion, family life, and health. http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s2c1a3.htm

~THE BIBLE~

The New Testament refers to churches meeting on Sunday for teaching and breaking bread. (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2)

There is no Bible mention of any church meeting on any other day of the week than Sunday. (Acts 13:14-15; 16:13; 17:1-3; 18:4)

~THE EARLY CHURCH~

We keep the eighth day [Sunday] with joyfulness, the day also on which Jesus rose again from the dead" (Letter of Barnabas 15:6-8 [A.D. 74]).

"[T]hose who were brought up in the ancient order of things [i.e. Jews] have come to the possession of a new hope, no longer observing the Sabbath, but living in the observance of the Lord's day, on which also our life has sprung up again by him and by his death" (Letter to the Magnesians 8 [A.D. 110]).

"But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Savior on the same day rose from the dead" (First Apology 67 [A.D. 155]).

ANGELS—GOOD & BAD

~TWO KINGDOMS~

“There are only two kingdoms in this cosmos. There is the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. (This assertion is taken word for word from the opening of Pope Leo XIII’s encyclical *Humanum Genus* issued on April 20, 1884. See also Saint Thomas Aquinas explanation at *Summa theologiae* III, q. 8, a. 7). **Thanks to Adam, we were born in the wrong kingdom.** The kingdom of darkness. Adam sold us up the river to sin. Saint Paul wrote that through original sin, we are “children of wrath, even as the rest” (Eph 2:3) To use a well known image from your children’s Bibles, Adam and Eve were cast outside of the gates of Eden. **All children since that day are born “outside the gates.”** Regretfully devils roam “outside the gates.” Read the Gospels. The devils are real and they are after us!”

~EXORCISM~

“This is why the Catholic sacrament of baptism always begins with an exorcism of the infant. That’s right an exorcism. We are not assuming that the infant is possessed by a devil. No. Rather we are assuming that the infant is “outside the gates” and not yet under the protection of Christ the Savior and King. The traditional Catholic baptismal liturgy is chiefly concerned with the idea of gates. In fact, the liturgy appeals to doors and gates regularly. This is a reference to being cast “outside the gates.” <http://taylormarshall.com/2013/06/exorcism-satan-and-baptismal-liturgy.html>

~THE POWER OF SACRAMENTALS~

“Maybe the thought of doing spiritual battle against demonic forces conjures up Hollywood images from *The Exorcist*, with an outstretched crucifix and dramatic exchanges of liquids, both holy and not. Maybe it strikes you as hokey or superstitious. Maybe the thought of it harkens uncomfortably far back in human history to a time before computers and antibiotics and space travel, to when people had to resort to magical, pagan-esque rituals to protect their hapless, unenlightened selves from the horrors of the natural world. The truth is, though, we are still an incarnate people, made from dust and atoms and flesh both weak and redeemed by the One Whose flesh was pieced for us. When Jesus bent in the dirt at the feet of the deaf and mute man, He spat into dust and mixed mud in His palm, smearing the

most base and ordinary elements into a miracle-working paste that was activated not by superstition or any kind of inherent qualities that dirt possessed, **but by the nuclear reaction between His grace and the deaf man’s faith.** That, in a nutshell, is the power of sacramentals, which is a fancy theology word for the seemingly ordinary items we as Christians have access to in our lifelong battle with evil.”

~THE POWER OF SACRAMENTALS~



“The faith of the Church imbues these ordinary elements (water, salt, crucifixes, icons, medals, etc.) with a blessing that is effective in it’s own right, but is only fully realized when combined with personal faith and a rightly-ordered life. Holy water

is not magic, any more than the rings I wear on my left hand, blessed and sanctified in the sacramental exchange of our wedding vows, are somehow sufficient to guarantee my fidelity to my marriage. I must cooperate with that inherent grace in the daily choices I make to honor those vows and serve that man. The rings are holy, but they can only strengthen what is already there. That analogy is imperfect, but hopefully helpful enough to communicate the point, which is this: **the grace is all God’s giving, but He chooses, as He has chosen all along, to sanctify the ordinary and the extraordinary.** For complete article go to: <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/mamaneedscoffee/2017/02/weapons-for-battle-the-use-of-sacramentals-holy-water-blessed-salt-crucifixes-in-the-christian-life/>

~THE POWER OF HOLY WATER~

Demons hate holy water. St. Teresa of Avila once said, “I have found by experience that there is nothing from which the devils fly more quickly than from holy water. They also fly from the cross, but they return almost immediately. Certainly, the power of holy water must be great; for my part, my soul feels particular comfort in taking it, and very generally a refreshment and interior delight which I cannot express” (Autobiography of St Teresa of Avila). Holy water is an excellent way to protect yourself, your family, or your home from the snares of the evil one! Many people keep a small font in their homes so that they can bless themselves as they come and go each day. What a powerful way to proclaim that we belong to Jesus!

CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S — 20 de Agosto del 2023
20° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

EL NUEVO SABBATH Y LOS DEMONIOS

~DEL PÁSTOR~

En nuestra primera lectura de hoy Isaías, se menciona la observancia del sábado. Quiero centrarme brevemente en esto porque hay algunos cristianos que sostienen que el día de culto sigue siendo el sábado y que el cambio del culto al domingo es algo que fue prohibido por Dios y Sus Mandamientos (es decir, el mandamiento #3). En segundo lugar, me gustaría centrarme en nuestra lectura del Evangelio del libro de Mateo, en la que Jesús cura a una mujer cuya hija está poseída por un demonio. Examinaremos la realidad de los demonios y cómo combatirlos en este mundo caído.

~DEL SÁBADO AL DOMINGO~

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, al enseñarnos por qué los cristianos adoran en "el octavo día" dice esto: "Jesús resucitó "el primer día de la semana". Porque es el "primer día", el día de la Resurrección de Cristo recuerda la primera creación. Por ser el "octavo día" que sigue al sábado, simboliza la nueva creación iniciada por la resurrección de Cristo. Para los cristianos se ha convertido en el primero de todos los días, la primera de todas las fiestas, el día del Señor (*he kuriake hemera, dies dominica*), el domingo: *Todos nos reunimos en el día del sol, porque es el primer día [después del sábado judío, pero también el primer día] en que Dios, separando la materia de las tinieblas, hizo el mundo; y en este mismo día Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador, resucitó de entre los muertos*". El domingo se distingue expresamente del sábado, al que sigue cronológicamente cada semana; para los cristianos, su observancia ceremonial sustituye a la del sábado. En la Pascua de Cristo, el domingo cumple la verdad espiritual del sábado judío y anuncia el descanso eterno del hombre en Dios. Porque el culto bajo la Ley preparaba el misterio de Cristo, y lo que allí se hacía prefiguraba algunos aspectos de Cristo: *Los que vivían según el antiguo orden de cosas han llegado a una nueva esperanza, no guardando ya el sábado, sino el día del Señor, en el que nuestra vida es bendecida por Él y por su muerte*'. La celebración del domingo observa el mandamiento moral inscrito por la naturaleza en el corazón humano de rendir a Dios un culto exterior, visible, público y regular "como signo de su universal beneficencia para con todos". El culto dominical cumple el mandamiento moral de la Antigua Alianza, retomando su ritmo y espíritu en la celebración semanal del Creador y Redentor de su pueblo".

~UN DÍA DE DESCANSO~

Así como Dios "descansó el séptimo día de toda la obra que había hecho", la vida cristiana tiene un ritmo de →

trabajo y descanso. La institución del Día del Señor ayuda a todos a disfrutar de un descanso y ocio adecuados para cultivar su vida familiar, cultural, social y religiosa. Los domingos y demás días de precepto, los fieles deben abstenerse de realizar trabajos o actividades que impidan el culto debido a Dios, la alegría propia del día del Señor, la realización de las obras de misericordia y el adecuado descanso de la mente y del cuerpo. Las necesidades familiares o un importante servicio social pueden excusar legítimamente de la obligación del descanso dominical. Los fieles deben procurar que las excusas legítimas no conduzcan a hábitos perjudiciales para la religión, la vida familiar y la salud.

~LA BIBLIA~

El Nuevo Testamento se refiere a las iglesias que se reúnen los domingos para enseñar y partir el pan. (Hechos 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2)

No hay mención bíblica de ninguna iglesia que se reúna en otro día de la semana que no sea el domingo. (Hechos 13:14-15; 16:13; 17:1-3; 18:4)

~LA IGLESIA PRIMITIVA~

Celebramos con gozo el octavo día [domingo], día en que Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos" (Carta de Bernabé 15:6-8 [74 d.C.]).

"Los que fueron educados en el antiguo orden de cosas [es decir, los judíos] han llegado a poseer una nueva esperanza, no observando ya el sábado, sino viviendo en la observancia del día del Señor, en el que también nuestra vida ha resucitado por él y por su muerte" (Carta a los Magnesios 8 [110 d.C.]).

"Pero el domingo es el día en que todos celebramos nuestra asamblea común, porque es el primer día en que Dios, habiendo operado un cambio en las tinieblas y en la materia, hizo el mundo; y Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador, en el mismo día resucitó de entre los muertos" (Primera Apología 67 [155 d.C.]).

~APOYAR LA VIDA~

¿Sabía que Santa Rosa tiene un gran lugar para apoyar a las mujeres embarazadas que pueden necesitar ayuda? Se llama Bridges Pregnancy Clinic and Care Center. Todos los servicios prestados son gratuitos. Puede esperar apoyo confidencial y afectuoso sin juicio, sin importar su situación. Bridges quiere brindar a las mujeres embarazadas el cuidado físico, emocional y espiritual que se merecen. Están ubicados en 750 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 1 y se pueden contactar llamando al (707) 575-9000 o llamando a Heartbeat International al (800) 712-HELP.

ANGELES—BUENOS & MALOS

~DOS REINOS~

"Sólo hay dos reinos en este cosmos. Está el reino de Dios y el reino de Satanás". (Esta afirmación está tomada palabra por palabra de la apertura de la encíclica *Humanum Genus* del Papa León XIII, publicada el 20 de abril de 1884. Véase también la explicación de Santo Tomás de Aquino en *Summa theologiae* III, q. 8, a. 7). Gracias a Adán, nacimos en el reino equivocado. El reino de las tinieblas. Adán nos vendió al pecado. San Pablo escribió que, por el pecado original, somos "hijos de ira, como los demás" (Ef 2,3). Para utilizar una imagen bien conocida de vuestras Biblias infantiles, Adán y Eva fueron arrojados fuera de las puertas del Edén. Todos los niños desde aquel día nacen "fuera de las puertas". Lamentablemente, los demonios vagan "fuera de las puertas". Lee los Evangelios. Los demonios son reales y nos persiguen".

~EXORCISMO~

"Por eso el sacramento católico del bautismo comienza siempre con un exorcismo del niño. Así es, un exorcismo. No estamos asumiendo que el infante esta poseído por un demonio. No. Más bien estamos asumiendo que el infante está "fuera de las puertas" y aún no está bajo la protección de Cristo el Salvador y Rey. La liturgia bautismal católica tradicional se ocupa principalmente de la idea de las puertas. De hecho, la liturgia apela a puertas y portones con regularidad. Es una referencia a ser arrojado "fuera de las puertas". <http://taylormarshall.com/2013/06/exorcism-satan-and-baptismal-liturgy.html>

~EL PODER DE LOS SACRAMENTALES~

"Tal vez la idea de librar una batalla espiritual contra fuerzas demoníacas evoque imágenes hollywoodenses de El exorcista, con un crucifijo extendido y dramáticos intercambios de líquidos, tanto sagrados como no. Tal vez le parezca una idea ridícula o supersticiosa. Puede que pensar en ello te haga retroceder incómodamente en la historia de la humanidad, a una época anterior a los ordenadores, los antibióticos y los viajes espaciales, en la que la gente tenía que recurrir a rituales mágicos y paganos para protegerse de los horrores del mundo natural. Pero lo cierto es que seguimos siendo un pueblo encarnado, hecho de polvo, átomos y carne, a la vez débil y redimido por Aquel cuya carne fue hecha por nosotros. Cuando Jesús se inclinó en la tierra a los pies→

del hombre sordo y mudo, escupió en el polvo y mezcló barro en la palma de su mano, untando el. Los elementos más básicos y ordinarios en una pasta milagrosa que se activó no por la superstición o cualquier tipo de cualidades inherentes que poseía la suciedad, sino por la reacción nuclear entre Su gracia y la fe del sordo. Eso, en pocas palabras, es el poder de los sacramentales, que es una elegante palabra teológica para los objetos aparentemente ordinarios a los que los cristianos tenemos acceso en nuestra batalla de toda la vida contra el mal."

~EL PODER DE LOS SACRAMENTALES~

"La fe de la Iglesia imbuje a estos elementos ordinarios (agua, sal, crucifijos, iconos, medallas, etc.) con una bendición que es eficaz por sí misma, pero que sólo se realiza plenamente cuando se combina con la fe personal y una vida correctamente ordenada. El agua bendita no es mágica, como tampoco los anillos que llevo en la mano izquierda, bendecidos y santificados en el intercambio sacramental de nuestros votos matrimoniales, son suficientes para garantizar mi fidelidad al matrimonio. Debo cooperar con esa gracia inherente en las decisiones diarias que tomo para honrar esos votos y servir a ese hombre. Los anillos son sagrados, pero sólo pueden fortalecer lo que ya existe. Esta analogía es imperfecta, pero espero que sea lo bastante útil para transmitir la idea, que es la siguiente: toda la gracia la da Dios, pero Él elige, como ha elegido siempre, santificar lo ordinario y lo extraordinario". Para leer el artículo completo, visite: <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/mamaneedscoffee/2017/02/weapons-for-battle-the-use-of-sacramentals-holy-water-blessed-salt-crucifixes-in-the-christian-life/>

~CLASES RICA~

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